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**This is an update to the previous versions of Communication Issuance (CI) 20-039.**

In accordance with Governor Whitmer's [Executive Order 2020-108](#), the temporary restrictions on entry of individuals into health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities are extended through June 26, 2020. The updated Executive Order was amended with two new provisions:

- All Child Caring Institution (CCI) staff members and visitors of a residential care facility, congregate care facility, or juvenile justice facility must wear a covering over their nose and mouth when indoors or within six feet of another person.
- Prospective adoptive parents were added to the list of individuals permitted to visit a child at the CCI.

It is strongly recommended, but not required, that residents also wear a face covering when indoors or within six feet of another person. Face coverings do not need to be medical grade and can include a mask, scarf, bandana, handkerchief, or other form of homemade covering. Concerns regarding procurement of face coverings for CCI staff should be directed to [MDHHS-DCWL-TA@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-DCWL-TA@michigan.gov).

While the restrictions are in place, facilities "must make best efforts to facilitate visitations with individuals under their care by phone or other electronic communication platforms to the fullest extent possible, consistent with normal visitation policies." This should include use of video technology whenever feasible for visitation to occur between children and their parents when in-person visitation cannot occur.

All individuals seeking entry into one of these facilities will be required to submit to a health care evaluation upon entry and denied entry if they do not meet the identified safety standards for entry or if concerns are present that would compromise the health or safety of staff or residents in the facility. The evaluation criteria must include symptoms of respiratory infection, such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath and contact in the last 14 days with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.

Child welfare staff should only access these facilities when necessary to address an immediate health or safety concern of a child/youth who is placed in the facility. If entry is necessary for this purpose, the worker must contact the facility in advance and may not enter until they meet the evaluation criteria for entrance.